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1. HERewith THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, PAGE 3,
HARRY B. ELLIS BYLINER TUDESDAY, AUGUST 10, HEADED "LIMIT-
ING SOUTHERN ASIA'S NUCLEAR AMBITIONS
2. AT ISSUE IN TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A.
KISSINGER AND PAKISTANI LEADERS IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE
POTENTIAL SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THROUGHOUT SOUTH ASIA.
3. DR. KISSINGER, FRESH FROM SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS WITH THE
SHAH OF IRAN, NOW WANTS PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR
ALI BHUTTO TO LIMIT HIS COUNTRY'S NUCLEAR AMBITIONS, AS
IRAN REPORTEDLY HAS AGREED TO DO.
4. THE U.S. -- WHILE WILLING TO SELL PAKISTAN NUCLEAR
POWER PLANTS TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY -- WANTS PAKISTAN TO
FOREGO ACQUISITION OF A REPROCESSING PLANT, FROM WHICH
WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM COULD BE MADE.

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5. BUT MR. BHUTTO, STRESSING THAT INDIA, PAKISTAN'S

TRADITIONAL FOE, HAS JUST SUCH A PLANT, HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH FRANCE TO BUILD ONE.

6. EXPLOSION BY INDIA OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE IN 1974, FASHIONED FROM PLUTONIUM EXTRACTED FROM SPENT URANIUM FUEL RODS, PROPELLED AN EFFORT BY THE U.S. TO HALT CONSTRUCTION OF UNILATERAL REPROCESSING PLANTS.

7. WEST GERMANY, OVER AMERICAN OBJECTIONS, AGREED TO SELL BRAZIL SUCH A PLANT, AS PART OF A WIDE-RANGING NUCLEAR AGREEMENT. FRANCE SIGNED A SIMILAR DEAL WITH PAKISTAN, BUT CANCELED PLANS TO DO THE SAME FOR SOUTH KOREA.

8. WITH ITS LEVERAGE WEAKENED BY THE FRENCH AND GERMAN DEALS, THE UNITED STATES URGED IRAN -- WHICH IS BUYING TWO SMALL NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS FROM WEST GERMANY, POSSIBLY ANOTHER FROM FRANCE, AND WANTS TO BUY EIGHT REACTORS FROM THE U.S. -- TO FOREGO A FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT.

9. FINALLY SHAH MUHAMMAD REZA PAHLEVI AGREED TO AMERICAN CONDITIONS: THAT SPENT FUEL BE REPROCESSED OUTSIDE IRAN UNDER MULTILATERAL SUPERVISION AND THAT IRAN BE COMPENSATED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS.

10. DR. KISSINGER, ARMED WITH THE SHAH'S AGREEMENT, FLEW ON TO PAKISTAN, TO LAY THE SAME LOGIC BEFORE MR. BHUTTO, NO DOUBT DANGLING THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASE AMERICAN AID, IF PAKISTAN AGREES.

11. REPORTEDLY DR. KISSINGER ALSO FLASHED THE DARK SIDE OF THE COIN -- WARNING THAT PAKISTAN MIGHT LOSE ALL U.S. AID, IF MR. BHUTTO DID NOT COMPLY.

12. CONGRESS, IN NEWLY DRAFTED LEGISLATION, WOULD -- UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS -- BAR AMERICAN ASSISTANCE TO ANY NATION ACQUIRING A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT.

13. CONGRESS NOW IS EXPLORING HOW TO TIGHTEN SAFEGUARDS ON THE EXPORT OF U.S. NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MILITARY SPINOFF.

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14. WASHINGTON'S SOMETIMES ROCKY RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN ARE ON A MUCH SMALLER SCALE THAN U.S. MILITARY, OIL, AND NUCLEAR TIES WITH IRAN.

15. IRAN, REGARDED BY U.S. OFFICIALS AS A BUFFER AGAINST SOVIET PENETRATION OF THE PERSIAN GULF AND AS A SOURCE OF OIL, BUYS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF WEAPONS AND CIVILIAN GOODS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

16. PAKISTAN, BY CONTRAST, HAS LESS THAN 100 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY GOODS ON ORDER FROM THE UNITED STATES AND IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE 322 MILLION DOLLARS IN U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

17. MONITOR OVERSEAS NEWS EDITOR GEOFFREY GODSELL WRITES: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, AND PAKISTAN SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF U.S. CONCERN ABOUT SECURITY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THESE COUNTRIES, ON THE NORTHWESTERN FLANK OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, FORM A WEDGE BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN BORDERS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE WARM WATERS OF THE PERSIAN GULF AND THE ARABIAN SEA. THEY ARE IN AN AREA WHERE THE RUSSIANS SOUGHT TO EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE EVEN IN THE DAYS OF THE CZARS.

18. INDIA'S CURRENT MOOD AND ITS TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION MAKE IT UNRECEPTIVE TO U.S. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY INVOLVING THE INDIAN OCEAN. HENCE THE GREATER IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S. OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH DR. KISSINGER HAS JUST VISITED. ROBINSON

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